Washington, D.C. (Apr. 11, 2012) – Today, Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, sent a <u>letter</u> to Chairman Darrell Issa requesting that he invite Daniel Tangherlini, the new Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), to testify at the Committee's upcoming hearing relating to the GSA Inspector General's findings of waste and misconduct at an employee conference in 2010.

Tangherlini, who is willing and able to appear at the hearing, would testify about reforms that have been implemented and those still needed to prevent future abuse of taxpayer funds.

Below is the full letter:

April 11, 2012

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa Chairman Committee on Oversight and Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to request that you invite Daniel Tangherlini, the new Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), to testify at the Committee's hearing on April 16, 2012, relating to the GSA Inspector General's findings of waste and misconduct in connection with the 2010 Western Regions Conference.

Upon assuming his post, Mr. Tangherlini delivered a video message to GSA employees and the public on April 10, 2012, in which he acknowledged serious violations and deficient judgment associated with the conference. He also outlined a number of steps necessary to address the findings in the Inspector General's report.

I believe it is important that Mr. Tangherlini be given an opportunity to testify at the hearing about reforms that have been implemented to date, as well as those still to be put in place, in order to prevent this type of gross abuse of taxpayer funds from happening again. I have spoken with Mr. Tangherlini, and he is willing and able to appear.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Elijah E. Cummings Ranking Member